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NEWS.

A STATE forestry association has been formed in Vermont.

THE DEATH of Professor Wilhelm Behrens, of Göttingen, has just been announced.

PROFESSOR GASTON BONNIER has been elected president of the Botanical Society of France.

W. ARNOLD has been appointed professor in the University of Charkow and director of the botanic garden.

PROFESSOR H. DE VRIES and R. von Wettstein have been elected honorary members of the Berlin Botanical Society.

SCIENCE announces the death of M. Jean Dufour, professor of plant physiology at Lausanne, at the age of forty-three years.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN has received from Mr. J. B. Whittier, of Saginaw, \$4,000 for the endowment of a fellowship in botany, named in honor of his mother.

DR. WILLIAM C. STURGIS, formerly mycologist of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, has been appointed lecturer in botany at Colorado College, Colorado Springs.

THE VERMONT BOTANICAL CLUB held its ninth annual winter meeting on Thursday and Friday, January 21 and 22, at the Williams Science Building of the University of Vermont.

PROFESSOR FRANCIS RAMALEY, of the University of Colorado, reached Tokyo, Japan, about the middle of January. He will visit Java, Penang, and Peradeniya, and will return *via* Europe.

DR. HARRY N. WHITFORD left the University of Chicago February 20 for the Philippine Islands, under appointment for two years as botanical collector in the government laboratory at Manila.

MR. R. H. YAPP, of Cambridge, England, known for his studies of myrmecophilous ferns, has been appointed professor of botany in the University College of Aberystwyth in succession to Professor J. H. Salter.

DR. H. C. COWLES, of the University of Chicago, has been sent by the department of botany to investigate the everglade region of Florida, using the U. S. Subtropical Laboratory at Miami as a base of operations.

DR. BRADLEY M. DAVIS, of the University of Chicago, sailed for Europe about January 1, to be absent from the university nine months. During the spring he will occupy a Carnegie table at the Zoological Station, Naples.

DR. CHARLES J. CHAMBERLAIN, of the University of Chicago, will visit Mexico in March under a grant from the Botanical Society of America to procure living and morphological material of certain endemic Mexican cycads.

PROFESSOR FRANCIS E. LLOYD, of Teachers College, New York city, has received a grant from the Botanical Society of America to study certain problems regarding the transpiration of xerophytes at the Desert Botanical Laboratory at the Carnegie Institution.

DR. E. W. OLIVE, who has been working on nuclear division in Cyanophyceae during the last year under a Carnegie grant at Bonn, is to continue his work under a new grant at the University of Wisconsin in the laboratory of Professor R. A. Harper.

THE STATION for Experimental Evolution, established by the Carnegie Institution at Cold Spring Harbor under the directorship of Professor C. B. Davenport, has secured the services of Mr. George H. Shull, of the University of Chicago, to conduct the work in plant-breeding and the study of mutations in nature.

THE FORESTRY department of the University of Michigan has been provided with an eighty-acre tract just outside Ann Arbor which is to be used for an arboretum of forest trees suitable for the state, model plantations of forest trees, and for demonstration and experiment plats. The land is the gift of Mr. Arthur Hill, of Saginaw.

THE RECENT DEATH of M. Émile Bescherelle interrupted the preparation of a useful work, a *Sylloge* of all the species of mosses described by him. M. Jules Cardot, to whom its completion was entrusted, writes that it will contain 450 to 500 pages, and that it will need to be published by subscription. It will be possible to print the work at \$3 a copy, provided at least fifty of the minimum of 140 subscribers necessary to begin the printing can be found in the United States. Professor John M. Holzinger, of Winona, Minn., will receive names of subscribers.

A SOCIETY of more than usual promise has been founded in Germany, on the initiative of Dr. Engler, the "Vereinigung der systematischen Botaniker und Pflanzengeographen." Their first report, containing an account of the Berlin meeting last autumn is at hand. The purpose of the new organization is largely the systematic and unified exploitation of German taxonomy and phytogeography. The social factor also is concerned in the large response to Dr. Engler's call. Among the schemes which the society hopes to further is the preservation of typical natural plant formations. The next meeting is to be at Stuttgart, August 4-7, 1904.